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DAYTON, Ohio, November 7, 1968 --- Bro. Thomas Price, S.M., professor emeritus of English at the University of Dayton, died at 6:45 this morning in the University's Gosiger Health Center. He was 77 years old.

He had entered the Health Center three days ago with a cold. He had been in ill health for the past 10 years.

Bro. Price was affectionately known as Bro. Tom by his many friends and students. A Marianist since 1906, Bro. Price had come from Leesville, South Carolina, where he was born January 11, 1891.

Bro. Price came north in 1906 to enter the postulate of the Society of Mary in Dayton. He took first vows in 1907 and received his final vows in 1916, all in Dayton. He received his B.A. from the University of Dayton in 1912 and his master's degree in English from the Catholic University of America in 1935.

He taught one year in the University of Dayton's preparatory department in 1914 and was transferred to St. George High School, Cincinnati, in 1915. He stayed there until 1922 when he was assigned to West Catholic High School in Philadelphia from 1922 to 1926.

His first assignment to the University of Dayton faculty was in 1926. He taught the English language and literature and remained at UD, except for two years, 1934-35 at Catholic University, until his death. He retired from teaching in 1960 and had remained with the religious community at UD as professor emeritus of English.

During his UD tenure, he participated in many literary discussions as guest speaker and master of ceremonies, had been faculty manager of the student magazine, Exponent, and had published a thesis, "Study of the Unusual Diction in the Poetry of Francis Thompson" in the 1930s.

He also served for a time as chairman of the Dayton Critics' Forum and was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He often served as master of ceremonies at their annual St. Patrick's Day dinner.

The University of Dayton Mothers Club, in 1966, established the Brother Tom Price Senior Award for Excellence in English. It is given every year to a senior at the UD Honors Convocation in March.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday in the University of Dayton's Immaculate Conception Chapel. Very Rev. William Ferree, S.M., Provincial of the Society of Mary's Cincinnati Province, will offer a requiem mass in the chapel at 3:30 p.m. Monday. Burial will be in Gate of Heaven cemetery on the University's East Campus.

Survivors include a brother, J. P. Price of Augusta, Georgia, and several nieces and nephews.